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SUBJECT: CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS REVIEW CONVENTION: ESTONIA
NOT IN A POSITION TO SUPPORT U.S. PROPOSAL

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Classified By: DCM Jeff Goldstein for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) On October 17 Poloff delivered reftel points to Arti Hilpus, MFA Director for Security and Arms Control, and Ketlin Susmalainen, MFA Arms Control Desk Officer, for the upcoming Convention on Conventional Weapons Review Conference in November. Concerning the U.S. proposal, Hilpus said that the GOE is not in a position to support the opt-in approach at the moment. The GOE would like to move towards legally binding obligations concerning the "detectability and active life of MOTAPM". Conceding that it is important to adopt the protocol this year, Susmalainen added that "states who don't share the view of legally binding obligations shouldn't block those states who want to adopt a strong legally binding protocol."

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